

Insight

Birch Society Fading, But Still Vocal

The waning membership and flagging interest in the Columbia chapter is a serious cause for dismay to two members of the community.

By Nancy Silvers

Mayor Plans First Press Conference; Pugh Schedules Constituents' Meeting

By Robert Mahoney
Missourian Staff Writer

Mayor Tom Anderson, under fire for his unavailability to the public and the press, said Monday he will hold the first official press conference of his administration at 9 a.m. today in the city manager's office in the Municipal Building.

Anderson said he wanted the question and answer session with reporters because City Manager Tom

Anderson said he would like to hold a press conference each week but could not set aside a specific day. He suggested members of the City Council make themselves available to the press, "possibly with each of us having a day" for such conferences. Anderson said an article published on the "Op-Ed" page of last Sunday's *Missourian* did not influence his decision to hold his first news conference. The article criticized him for

declined to elaborate until he had more time to prepare a detailed rebuttal.

"It is true that I have not always given reasons for everything I do or say," Anderson said. But he added that "some background should not be discussed for certain reasons."

Anderson said he was not informed about the plans of Robert Pugh, Fourth Ward councilman, to hold an unprecedented meeting with his

very much" with Pugh's idea to hold an open and informal ward meeting. "Although I can't tell the other members what to do, I would encourage them to hold similar ward meetings."

Pugh said the purpose of his meeting is "to open the lines of communication" between him and his constituents.

"I want to have face-to-face contact with my constituents rather than on the phone or the lines of their d."

format. "It will be a give-and-take session, a chance for the people to speak out on whatever they have on their mind and it will give me an opportunity to listen to them."

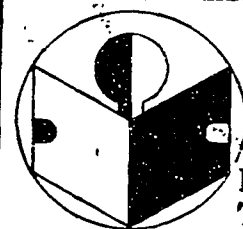
Pugh said he hoped many people from his ward would attend the meeting. Anderson said he would like to attend and hopes Pugh will invite him.

Harold Warren, Second Ward councilman, said he would "seriously consider" having ward meetings and meeting with the press.

Warren said it is "a very fine (Continued on Page 15)

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As Columbia's version of the "Battle of the Sexes" tennis match nears, the two players to meet on the courts Sunday discuss how their games will differ from the King-Riggs event. See story, Page 7.

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Hanson said, "The basic assumption is the critical assumption. The city manager must be a good business man. If he's not, there won't be a thing he can give to the people."

Barnes said the selection of a new chief administrator is "a personal thing. The city manager must of course have good qualifications but, more importantly, when you pick someone to work for you, you must ask whether he can work with you." Clyde Wilson, Sixth Ward councilman, said he agreed with Barnes in that the new city manager should be efficient and fair. "But we expect other things. The city manager has to be responsive to the community as a whole."

Smith asked whether candidates must be or have been a city manager. Warren said consideration of ap- (Continued on Page 15)



Pat and Adam Garrett-Schesh tell a Washington news conference of beatings and executions they witnessed while the Chilean military junta held them prisoners. (UPI Telephoto)

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SINCE HE WAS 17, Ellis has led the restless life of a vagabond. He left high school in Pottsdam, Pa., convinced that college "didn't fit in" with his plans. After four years in the Air Force, he found himself a skilled teletype technician.

A year and a half as a structured draftsman led Ellis to a job with the Pacific Bell Telephone Co. in Los Angeles. He stayed there two years. He found that without a degree, it was difficult showing anyone or "knowing yourself" what you can do.

Ellis' two years were spent at IBM and four more with two other business machine companies. For a time he returned to Pennsylvania to work in the auto-parts business.

In 1965 he returned to Los Angeles where most of his friends had become Birchers. Surprisingly he found "nothing radical or secret about the society," just "honest people trying to educate their neighbors." Ellis joined and quickly was appointed section leader. He immediately moved to Columbia and started a chapter here two years later.

Now, nearly 41, Ellis thinks it might be time to spend some time with himself. "You can fight everyone else's war for awhile, but if they don't want to fight their own war . . ." His voice fades.

Leadership of the organization changed hands recently when Ellis, who operates the audio message center at the

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Sirica ruling that he should be allowed to listen privately to the tapes before deciding whether to order them turned over to a federal grand jury.

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effective Nov. 30.

Several Council members said money should be no obstacle in recruiting a new city manager. Pat Barnes, First Ward councilman,

Barnes said he wants "a mover, a doer, a shaker," while Fran Frueh, Fifth Ward councilwoman, said she wants a trend-setter, with his eyes on Columbia's future.

Mass Executions in Chile Suspected

By Terry McElroy
Washington Reporting Program

WASHINGTON — An American couple, held captive by the junta in Chile for a terrifying week, told newsmen Monday that they witnessed brutal beatings of prisoners and that they suspect between 400 and 500 persons were executed in Santiago's national stadium.

Patricia and Adam Garrett-Schesh, graduate students at the University of Wisconsin, said that prisoners leaving an interrogation room in the stadium were placed in either of two lines. One line would proceed to lockers, where the prisoners were kept. The other line was lead by armed guards to the playing field in groups of 10 to 20

hysterical persons, totaling 400 to 500, they said.

"Nobody ever saw the playing field," Mrs. Schesh said, "but after each group was lead out, we heard rapid gunfire, and we never saw any of them again."

The couple added they had seen several persons beaten with gun butts and clubs during their incarceration. The Chilean junta admitted detaining about 7,000 Chileans and foreigners during the uprising, but claimed that "not even one person had been executed in the stadium."

The Scheshes had been in Santiago since Nov. 2, 1970, the day before Salvador Allende was sworn in as the nation's president. Schesch was compiling extensive election data and political research for his doctoral

thesis. On Sept. 14, his house was ransacked by police, his research confiscated, and he and his wife taken to the capital's national stadium.

They spent the next six days there. Official charges were never made against the couple, but the military took particular exception to a map of Schesch's which implied knowledge of the existence of a leftist group.

Schesh had a map on which he plotted election results by district. One district which the Communists carried in the last general election had a red star on it. This district had a guerrilla training force which he did not know about, but because he designated that district with a red star, the military inferred complicity on his part.

"It was an innocent way of designating a Communist victory in that district and nothing more," Schesch said.

Schesh was interrogated several times, and on one occasion beaten by an interrogator. His wife was also interrogated several times, but never beaten. After realizing that they had no knowledge of the guerrilla movement and believing that the U.S. State Department had access to Schesch's research, the military let the couple go.

"It's true that the state department has access to our research, but what's not true is that I was working for the government. They believed I was in some way connected with the C.I.A. and that probably saved our lives," Schesch said.